



SUPPLEMENTAL TECHNICAL INSTRUCTIONS	Supplement Number	Date Issued
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National Mapping Division

SUBJECT

Map Date for Primary Series Maps

BACKGROUND

Many users rely on the map date shown in the lower right hand margin of primary series maps to indicate the currentness of map content. In some cases, the map date has not accurately represented this information. This has been particularly true for maps revised under previous photorevision criteria. Revised maps in these categories have retained the map date prior to revision as the primary map date, with an additional date or dates for subsequent revision as the primary map date, with an additional date or dates for subsequent revisions or photo inspections.

Technical instructions for preparing source notes and map dates for limited update and standard update maps are now incorporated in Part 2, Product Generation, Miscellaneous Instruction, Technical Criteria for Digital Revision and Product Generation, 1:24,000-Scale Digital Line Graphs and Quadrangle Maps.

INSTRUCTIONS

***This STI and the 8/96 Change Notice to Miscellaneous Instruction, Technical Criteria for Digital Revision and Product Generation, 1:24,000-Scale Digital Line Graphs and Quadrangle Maps, supersede STI 94-6, "Map Date for Primary Series Maps."***

Use this STI for source notes and map dates for replacement mapping and minor revision reprints only. This STI overrides instructions in 93-1-C, "Map Reprint Procedures," only for the inspection/revision note and map date on minor revision reprint maps. Use section 2.3.5 of Part 2, Product Generation, Miscellaneous Instruction, Technical Criteria for Digital Revision and Product Generation, 1:24,000-Scale Digital Line Graphs and Quadrangle Maps, for source notes and map dates for limited update and standard update maps.

Show only one date in the lower right hand margin for all primary series maps. This date will represent the most recent image source or field check date. For analog replacement mapping, use the most recent field check date. For minor revision reprints, use the date of the primary source used to photoinspect the map.

Omit the map edit year note.

Sample credit notes are shown below. These samples illustrate the map date derivation. Depending on the map history or lineage, other wording in the credit note may be required, but the method of deriving the map date must be consistent with the examples shown.

**Replacement Mapping**

Credit Note: Compiled from imagery dated 1989. Field checked 1991

Map date will be 1991.

**Minor Revision Reprints**

Credit Note: Derived from imagery dated 1974. Photoinspected using imagery dated 1992; no major culture or drainage changes observed. PLSS and survey control current as of (most recent field check data). Boundaries (if appropriate, add "other than corporate") verified (or revised) (oldest date of primary source material used to collect new information)

Map date will be 1992.

The "derived from imagery" will show the most recent revision date or the base map compilation date when there were no subsequent revisions.

The "most recent field check date" is historical data that may be obtained from the Map Catalog or the previous map.

Other wording to include the method and date of topography compilation (e.g., "topography compiled from planetable surveys") may be required for minor revision reprints.

**APPLIES TO**

Replacement maps or minor revision reprints at scales of 1:20,000 through 1:63,360.

**ISSUED TO**

EDC, MAC, MCMC, RMMC, WMC, and FS.

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